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State	No. of Civilians and Police Personnel killed
Chhattisgarh	374
Andhra Pradesh	46
Orissa	8
Jharkhand	101
Bihar	42
West Bengal	16

(b) The number of naxalites killed and arrested in the above States during 2006 (upto 30.11.2006) are as under-

State	Naxalites killed	Naxalites arrested
Chhattisgarh	60	264
Andhra Pradesh	120	300
Orissa	12	29
Jharkhand	18	232
Bihar	5	204

(c) No, Sir. The level of naxal violence during the current year (till 30.11.2006) has marginally come down compared to that in the corresponding period of the last year.

India becoming a market for drugs

1588. SHRI EKANATH K. THAKUR. Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that according to the drug enforcement agencies, India has graduated, from being a mere transit point on the smuggling map, into a thriving market for drugs;

(b) whether it is also a fact that the enormity of recent hauls indicates that drug trafficking is on the rise and the drug market is on upswing, both in transit and consumption; and

(c) if so, the steps Government propose to take to curb drug trafficking in India?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI S. REGUPATHY): (a) and (b) No, Sir.

(c) Does not arise.

Enforcement of ban on child labour

1589. SHRIMATI S. G. INDIRA : Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government had written to various State Governments to enforce the ban on employment of children as domestic servants and as labourers;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether it is also a fact that Government had directed various departments to strictly enforce the ban in their respective units?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI OSCAR FERNANDES): (a) to (c) As the State Governments are the "appropriate" Governments for implementation of the Child Labour (Prohibition & Regulation) Act, 1986 in their respective areas, they have been advised for taking all appropriate measures for effective implementation of the notification issued by the Government prohibiting the employment of children as domestic workers or servants and in dhabas (roadside eateries), restaurants, hotels, motels, tea-shops, spas and other recreational centers etc. In this connection, the then Union Labour Minister had written to all the Chief Ministers and the Union Labour Secretary had also taken up this issue with the Chief Secretaries of all State Governments/ UTs for strict enforcement.

In addition, the then Union Labour Minister had written to the other Central Government Ministers to give wide publicity to the Notification and to ensure coordination and convergence of existing Central Government